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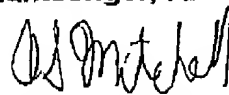
In response to Paper No. 3 mailed on October 2, 2001, applicant elects claims 1-16 (Group I) to be examined, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to the subject matter of claim Group II.

We look forward to substantive examination of this application in due course.

This response is being forwarded to you via facsimile transmission to the Patent Examination Section 1700 (Fax No. 1-703-872-9310), with the original following by courier. We trust this will be in order.

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